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BOTANICAL GARDENS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert group has been set up for providing assistance to the botanical gardens in the country;

(b) if so, whether every State of the country has sent a proposal to the Indian Botanical Garden and concerned Departments after selecting botanical gardens and rare species of local plants;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the effective steps taken by the Government for promoting botanical gardens and protecting rare species of plants?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) In order to promote ex-situ conservation of rare endemic plants the Government has set up an Expert Group to advise and recommend suitable projects for financial assistance to existing Botanical Gardens to improve infrastructural facilities. Under the Scheme for Assistance to Botanical Gardens, proposals received from governmental and non-governmental organisations in various States of the country are considered by the Ministry of Environment and Forests for financial assistance.Botanical Survey of India has identified rare endemic plants from different phyto-geographical regions for their conservation and propagation and assists in monitoring implementation of different projects operational in the country. As per the information received from Botanical Survey of India no proposal has been received for funding by Indian Botanic Garden.